



Multistate Tax Commission Memorandum

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To: Members, Executive Committee
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Subject: Update on MTC Training Activities

Since I assumed training responsibilities in July 2003, the MTC training program has continued to offer the Nexus School and sampling training, re-introduced corporate income tax training, and provided a more coordinated approach for administration and communication for all MTC courses. In recognition of the need for state involvement with development of training activities, the Executive Committee established a Training Advisory Committee, composed of the standing committee leadership, at its July 2004 meeting. This report reviews training developments for this fiscal year, including a training survey which we expect to distribute to the states in early February, and the course schedule for 2004-2005.

Developments (July – December 2004)

Membership of the Training Advisory Committee, which was established by the Executive Committee in July 2004, consists of: Ted Spangler (Utah) representing the Uniformity Committee, Joe Thomas (Connecticut) representing the Nexus Committee, Rick Schrader (New Jersey) representing the Audit Committee, and Joe Randall (Idaho) representing the Technology Committee. This group has reviewed the training survey (discussed below) and we expect that this group will be providing needed input on curriculum, use of technology for delivery of training, and other training issues. A chair for this group still needs to be designated.

Expected Activities (January –June 2005)

MTC staff will be seeking National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) certification for relevant MTC training courses. This will facilitate continuing professional education (CPE) credit for participants from all states. CLE credit applications will continue on its current basis, since there is no national CLE accreditation body.

MTC staff expects to distribute the accompanying training survey (with course description document) to the states in early February 2005. The survey incorporates comments made by members of the Training Advisory Committee.

Course Schedule—2004-2005 (attendance provided for past courses)

Nexus School

October 5-6, 2004	Independence Ohio	74 students
May 10-11, 2005	Portland, Maine	
Sept. 20-21, 2005(tentative)	Alabama	

Statistical Sampling

August 16-20, 2004	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	15 students
January 10-14, 2005	Cheyenne, Wyoming	20 students
May 2-6, 2005	Trenton, New Jersey	

Corporate Income Tax

September 20-24, 2004	Louisville, Colorado	41 students
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In addition, MTC staff has been discussing an income tax school in Vermont during September 2005.